

## AMUSEMENTS

## POLK'S

Music and minstrelsy are the happy factors in Tom Brown's Musical Minstrels, featured in the program at Polk's, the first half of the week. The minstrel men stepped right to the forefront yesterday and captured honors at the opening performance with their songs, instrumental numbers and comedy. There are seven in the company and they have a most pleasing arrangement of high-class material that brought them most favorable comment.

"My Country First" is the title of a photodrama of real interest, in which international figures are prominently featured. It deals with a young American who perfects an explosive that is sought by foreign powers. How he thwarts their plots makes a most interesting and thrilling story that is well staged. Tom Terriss and his company are seen in the production. Pathe News, with a review of world events and comedy cartoons, is another pleasing film feature.

Lew Wilson, a very versatile chap, pleased immensely with his songs and stories and left them wanting more after his accordion selections. Jack Warren and Dorothy Mann did very well with a comedy skit "A Surprise for Mother," a playlet along unusual lines. The piece sparkles with bright lines and the comedy situations are well taken care of by these talented players.

DeLisle and Vernon, a pair of dainty misses, sang and danced their way in to the good graces of the audience and most pleasingly handled some very clever material.

The program was completed with a most entertaining acrobatic novelty by McGlen-Sutton Trio, who proved themselves very versatile in serving up a really delightful oddity.

## PLAZA

The Plaza commenced the week with capacity audiences at yesterday's performances and if one may judge by the amount of applause donated to each feature, there will be two more days of crowding and jamming at the popular amusement resort.

"Harvest Days," a musical comedy miniature with Tom Aikin, Gene Markey, Pauline Harris and the usual ray of feminine beauty in the background, worked their audience to a veritable frenzy of enthusiasm with their pleasing repertoire of new songs and dance diversions and their unusually funny comedy end. The comedian in the act deserves unlimited credit for the manner in which he keeps the laughs coming his way and the piece as a whole is worthy of the commendation of the most exacting. There are ten in the cast and a stupendous scenic investiture is displayed.

Billy Brown was another hit and he earned the rousing reception he received. Billy sings a couple of songs and then goes in for imitations in a comedy vein, his greatest effort being his "rube" character. His material is wholly original and sure of laughs, but nobody else could possibly have handled it as cleverly as Mr. Brown himself.

Conrad and Conrad, a rather unique and artistically pleasing way of handling a singing and dancing fantasy that is much different from anything in this line seen at the Plaza in months and they were warmly welcomed, while the new Triangle release, has a role that brings out every streak of talent in his being. It is a wonderful play and it is superbly acted as is to be surmised with so gifted a star as Keenan in the leading role.

"The Wife's Mistake," a Triangle-Keystone comedy with Fatty Arbuckle was responsible for continuous laugh-

## CROWD SEES "REVOLT" AT LYRIC PLAYHOUSE

"The Revolt," a pungent drama, dealing in a careful manner, to some extent, with the right of a man to one set of morals, while his wife must be governed by the rigid code, played to a crowded house at the Lyric theatre last night, and the members of the stock company have never appeared to better advantage since they opened in this city.

Proof that virtue is incorruptible, and that a good woman no matter what the morals of her husband may be, can find no excuse for her own wrong doing, is set forth in no uncertain terms.

"Anna," Miss Ethel Waldron, wife of "John Stephens" David Herblin, knows the double life her husband is leading, but clings to him throughout it all her love undiminished, until her stepmother in glowing terms draws a picture of the gay life, which impresses the neglected wife.

She attends a wine party, after announcing to her husband her intention of leaving him. In the apartment of a girl neighbor, long since fallen from grace, she obtains her first glimpse into the life of the woman who has been leading and the type of woman with whom he has been associating.

The scene narrows her, the type of woman fills her with abhorrence and she escapes from a man who attacks her in the apartment, in time to reach the bedside of her husband who is thought dying; her husband comes to a realization of the wrongs of which he is guilty and both are brought to a happier state of marital understanding.

## RUBBER NIPPLES FOR GERMAN INFANTS ARE BARRED BY NEW EDIT

Berlin, Nov. 14.—To make sure that as a result of the rubber shortage in Germany, infants will not have to go without rubber nipples, the Reich government has ordered that the entire available supply within the empire, and all that are imported, shall be turned over to a specially created company that in turn is to have charge of the equitable distribution of this small but necessary article.

Mothers will in future be able to procure two nipples per child under one year of age, on presenting birth certificates to prove the age of the children, and then will be able to buy new nipples by turning in the old ones. A maximum price of 35 pfennigs per nipple has been set for all that are made in Germany.

## SPORTOGRAPHY

There was once a footballer named Ned Whose dome was of bone, so 'twas said; And when the poor gink Had occasion to think It always raised corns on his head.

It is a safe bet that few of the minor league magnates attending today's meeting of the National Association in New Orleans cleared enough money last season to pay their railway fare to the Crescent City.

Doubtless a number of the minor moguls would like to swap some of their players for a few paying spectators.

## ROBBING THE CRADLE

Oh, Connie, oh, Connie, oh, Connie, Good old Matty has beat you this time, I fear— He's picked up a "marvel" who's only sixteen; Now wasn't that mean of him, wasn't it mean?

## THE DEACON'S BIRTHDAY

"Deacon" Jim McGuire, who usta was one of the most famous catchers in the backstopping business, was born fifty-three years ago today. The Deacon spent thirty-two years in baseball captivity. He was a scout for the Detroit Tigers for several years until he threw up the ivory hunting job last February to go into business. McGuire joined the Cleveland Nationals in '83, but was released to Toledo in the Northwestern League. In Toledo the Deacon caught the delivery of no less a personage than the Hon. Hank O'Day. McGuire alternated behind the bat with Moses Walker, the only negro who ever played ball in a big league. Toledo was admitted to the American Association, a major circuit, in '84, and the colored brother was kept on the payroll for a time. After leaving Toledo McGuire played with Detroit, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Washington, Rochester and Boston. For six years in the big show he batted over .300. When his playing days were over he managed the Boston and Cleveland clubs and was coach and scout for the Detroit Tigers. In his early days in baseball, the Deacon wore a fingerless glove with a heelcut in the palm for padding, and that poor imitation of a mitt, and a piece of rubber clenched between his teeth as a protection for his molars, constituted his armor. McGuire's hands became knotted and gnarled as the result of the numerous injuries, and an X-ray examination a few years ago showed that he had suffered nearly half a hundred fractures and dislocations.

Grouchy Gus says: "I never heard a pot call a kettle black, but I have heard a boxer refer to a wrestler as a fakir."

"Expenses of all minor league players from their homes to the spring training camps must be paid by their employers," is one of the demands pulled by the Players' Fraternity on the magnates today. If such a rule should become effective, a lot of the underbrush clubs will hereafter employ only home talent, and will pitch their training camps within the five-cent carfare zone.

## "TED" MEREDITH 24 TODAY

"Ted" Meredith's failure to uphold the athletic glory of the Stars and Stripes in Stockholm may be due to the fact that he was getting old, for he attains the venerable age of twenty-four today. In spite of occasional defeats, Meredith's moniker will go clattering down the corridors of time as one of the greatest all-around running performers in athletic history. Old timers say that Ted was outclassed by Steve Farrell, since noted as Michigan's trainer, but the present crop of athletic fans find it difficult to believe. When he closed his University of Pennsylvania career last Spring he was in a blaze of glory such as few athletic stars have ever known. James—to give him his real name—was afflicted with a crop of boils and was far from being at his best when he sailed for Sweden, and the long ocean trip was a poor sort of preparation for meeting the Scandinavian titans. When Ted is right a Kansas cyclone has nothing on him for impetuosity and velocity, and he could give a jackrabbit a hot race.

## THE POINT OF WISDOM

Fight Fan—Did Sam Langford and Sam McVey ever face each other in the ring?

Answer—How do you think those birds box, anyway? Knock the backs of their heads together?

Mrs. H.—How can I cure my husband of the golf habit? He is neglecting his family and business terribly.

Answer—Seal the doors and windows of his bedroom and turn on the gas while he is asleep. If this fails, try rough-on-rats in his coffee.

## R. S. VALENTINE DEAD

New York, Nov. 14.—Robert G. Valentine, attorney and an industrial conciliator of Braintree, Mass., died of heart failure in his room at a hotel here today. Mr. Valentine was born in Wrentham, Mass., forty-two years ago. He was graduated from Harvard in 1898. He was private secretary to Commissioner Francis E. Loupp, of the Indian Service from 1905 to 1908 and was later made chairman of the First Massachusetts Minimum Wage board.

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## HARRIS LODGE TO VISIT NEW HAVEN FOR DEGREE WORK

Will Witness Third Degree Nov. 27—To Entertain Visitors Next Monday.

At the meeting of Samuel H. Harris lodge, No. 99, I. O. O. F., in Odd Fellows' hall last night, an invitation was accepted to attend a session of Relief lodge, No. 86, of New Haven, and witness the working of the third degree by that lodge on Friday evening, November 27. This is the home lodge of Past Grand Master Monroe and many favorable reports on the excellency of its degree work have reached Harris lodge.

A committee was appointed to perfect plans whereby the members of the Bridgeport lodge will journey to New Haven in a body, probably by special train, taking with it its own candidates for the conferring of the degree in the Elm City. It is expected that a large attendance of Harris members will be present at the meeting next Monday night to signify to the committee on arrangements their intention to be included in the New Haven delegation, so that the committee will know how many to figure on.

Additional attractions will be lent to the session of No. 99 next Monday by the working of the second degree in full form and in the presence of a large visiting delegation from Bridgeport with their candidates, to be worked by the Harris degree team. The entertainment committee will provide refreshments following the close of the lodge.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A large bridge party was held this afternoon by the Bridgeport Equal Franchise League at the residence of Mrs. H. H. DeLosa, 137 Park place. The card playing began at 2:30 and tea was served at 5 o'clock. Mrs. H. W. Fleck had charge of the arrangement of tables. Handsome prizes were donated by Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Mrs. N. H. Hoff, Mrs. E. MacDonald, Mrs. W. T. Hinks, Mrs. Ida Dore, Mrs. Charles B. Read, Mrs. H. W. Fleck and Miss Helen Stagg. Among those who had tables at the party were Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Mrs. Nathaniel W. Bishop, Mrs. Samuel C. Shaw, Mrs. John R. Spott, Mrs. H. H. DeLosa, Mrs. Carroll B. Adams, Mrs. W. T. Haviland, Mrs. William E. Seelye, Mrs. Louis S. Morris, Mrs. Charles B. Read, Mrs. C. B. Doremus, Mrs. Herbert Sherman, Mrs. Edgar Bassick, Mrs. Charles B. Sanford, Mrs. W. T. Hinks, Mrs. Ida Dore, Mrs. Mary H. Whitman, Mrs. William Teal, Mrs. Frank C. Hunt, Mrs. A. N. Canfield, Mrs. Clinton Barnum Seelye and Mrs. Charles Blitz.

Miss Helen Rosenstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rosenstein, of 545 West 111th street, New York, whose engagement to Attorney Joseph G. Shapiro of this city was recently announced, will hold a reception for their friends on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 3 until 6 p. m. at her home. No cards have been issued for the affair, which will be attended by many from this city.

Members of the local branch of the Surgical Dressings Committee and of the Fairfield Red Cross society, under whose auspices the motion pictures of the ambulance and aviation corps at the front in France were recently shown in the Universalist church are gratified over the fact that \$200 was obtained through the exhibition. This money will be used toward the purchase of a new ambulance for the work in France.

An entertainment is being planned for Dec. 22 at 8:15 p. m. in The Stratfield by the Sunshine society of this city for the purpose of obtaining funds for the Christmas baskets for the poor of the city.

A Christmas sale will be held at the Universalist church at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and a turkey dinner will be served from 6 until 8 o'clock in the evening. Many useful and attractive articles will be offered for sale.

Mrs. Frederick W. Brittin of 250 Ellsworth street has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Helen Brittin to Clifford W. Beardsley of 334 Irtanistan avenue.

Many attractive prizes have been donated for the bridge whist which will be given on Friday afternoon, Nov. 17, at St. Augustine's school hall by the members of the Ladies of Charity St. Vincent de Paul. Mrs. John S. Connor and Mrs. Mary Lee and O'Connor will be the hostesses for the whist.

There is much interest in the appearance this evening of Mr. Louis K. Anspercher, dramatist, before the Bridgeport Centre, Drama League of America at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel W. Bishop, 301 Park place. Because of the limited seating capacity only 100 cards have been issued for the lecture, which, it is expected, will be one of the most interesting to be given in this city during the season.

## CAN'T SELL SUGAR IN SWEDEN WITHOUT CARD

Stockholm, Sweden, Nov. 14.—After Nov. 1, no sugar may be sold in Sweden except upon presentation of a sugar card. A stock-taking throughout the kingdom has shown that some method of controlling the consumption is unavoidable, and the card system, patterned on Germany's methods of regulation, was decided on. One kilogram (2.2 pounds) will be allowed per month per capita, except for December, when two kilograms will be available.

The sugar shortage has been marked for some months, and has lately assumed serious proportions. It had been hoped and expected, however, that this fall's sugar-beet harvest would make any state regulation of consumption unnecessary, but it has now been found that, including this year's production, there will be available only about 12 kilograms per person from now until Nov. 1917.

A further result of the sugar shortage may be a forced reduction in the production of arrac punch, the so-

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English as a World Language. English is well adapted to use as a world language because of its rich vocabulary and its grammatical simplicity. It is the literature of liberty and social equality. The fundamental hindrance to the spread of the English language as a world language is its irrational spelling. It is difficult because of the superfluity of letters and the confusion of representations. If these objections were removed and the proportional rate of increase of the nineteenth century continues English will be the language of the world.—De Witt Croissant at Chautauqua.

Not Ready For Moving. One morning Uncle Fred was engaged in shaving himself, and his small nephew was an interested spectator. "Well, George," said his uncle, "don't you want me to shave you too?" "No, uncle," replied the little fellow. "I don't think my whiskers are ripe yet."—Kansas City Star.

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